**REMARKS** 

An RCE has been filed to obtain entry of Amendment C, filed April 13, 2004.

This amendment and remarks will address the examiner's comments in the advisory action

mailed May 7, 2004.

In response to the examiner's comment regarding § 112, "without a tail

bracket" has been deleted from the claims.

The applicants have reviewed U.S. P.N. 6,493,905, as suggested by the

examiner. The '905 patent is clearly non-analogous art. It relates to a watercraft trim flap,

which is not even arguably analogous.

The examiner suggests that more structure be added to the claim, but the prior

art does not require more structure, for the reasons already of record. For this reason,

applicants urge the examiner to reconsider his position.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for

allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if

an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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